President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 1,000 under Demand X—Public Health and Sanitation be granted.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XI—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INCLUDING WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 4,13,767 under the following heads:

(i) Repairs to rain damages to tanks and channels in the Kodayar Project—Rs. 18,900.

(ii) Repairing the buildings at Oolampara for the accommodation of the Armed Reserve—Rs. 17,000.

(iii) Expenditure on account of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee—Rs. 1,860.

(iv) Additional grant for the Water Works and Drainage Schemes in the State—Rs. 3,76,007.

In moving this motion I may explain the position relating to each of these items. Government have sanctioned the constitution of a Committee for improvements and restoration of tanks within the area commanded by the Kodayar Project. A sum of Rs. 25,000 was made available in the Budjet for 1115 for such works. The Committee *inter alia* earmarked the whole of this amount for improvements of some tanks. It is found during the month of Medom 1114 a lot of rain damages occurred in about 40 tanks and repairs have been undertaken and a sum of Rs. 9,000 is necessary for completing the works in those tanks. Further, during Thulam 1115 many breaches occurred in other Kals and tanks. For effecting the necessary repairs to these a sum of Rs. 5,000 is for the present found necessary. In addition to these, for the acquisition of tank beds, which have to be improved for purposes of irrigation, for meeting compensation charges nearly Rs. 4,900 is necessary. These items account for Rs. 18,900 which has now been asked for under this head.

The next item is repairs to the buildings at Oolampara for the accominodation of the Armed Reserve. The permanent Armed Reserve had to be increasd by about 500 men who had to be recruited owing to the political situation and these men were first accommodated in the Police Headquarters. Then they were shifted to the Old Brigade Barracks. But these buildings were required for the use of the Travancore University. The buildings there had therefore to be vacated. Now the buildings which were previously

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occupied by the lepers at Oolampara were lying vacant and consequently these buildings have been proposed to be put in order and made fit for accommodation for these 500 men. A sum of Rs. 17,000 is required for this. A sum of Rs. 11,000 has already been spent and finishing works are in progress.

The third item is the expenditure to be met on account of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee. A committee has been constituted by Government in the year 1115 for advising Government in P. W. D. matters. It was proposed to convene three meetings of the commitee during the current year. One meeting has already been held and there are two more meetings to be held. In order to meet the expenditure on account of T. A. to the members and for contingencies of the office, a sum of Rs. 1,860 is required.

With regard to the last item *viz.*, the Water Works, a sum of Rs. 3,76,007 is found to be required. With regard to the Alleppy Water Works, the present allotment of Rs. 82,786 will be only sufficient for the discharge of liabilities incurred on account of supply of pipes and fittings made and the work done during the last year and will not admit of taking up the necessary remaining works for the completion of the scheme this year itself. But this could not be done on account of various reasons. Now, the necessary materials had not so far arrived on account of war conditions, but they are expected to arrive and so it is necessary to continue the staff till the end of the current year. Therefore to meet the charges of the staff for the additional period a sum of Rs. 8,000 is required and for meeting the liability incurred last year and works to be done further, Rs. 1,00,000 is necesssry.

A sum of Rs. 37,293 has been provided for Water Works at Shencotta in the Budget. Out of this a sum of Rs. 18, 000 has to be set apart for paying off certain liabilities incurred in 1114. The balance available for actual expenditure on works in 1115 is found to be inadequate. An additional amount of Rs. 18, 007 is required for completing the works.

Again, the budget provision under the Nagercoil Water Supply is nearly Rs. 3,40,000 out of which a sum of Rs. 65,200 was incurred during 1114. That was not provided for in the budget for 1115. The balance available for actual expenditure on works in 1115 *viz.*, Rs. 2,75,000 is inadequate to maintain satisfactory progress of the works. Owing to the fact that all the minor difficulties which had upset the progress of the work during last year have all been now solved, we are in a better position to make headway with the balance works yet to be done in the dam and in the distribution system. The total amount asked for towards these works and for purchase of tools and plant is Rs. 2,50,000 for Nagercoil Water Works. So, under all these heads the gross total comes to Rs. 3,76,007. I request the honourable House to grant this demand.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: As regards item No. 1 *viz.*, "repairs to rain damages to tanks and channels in the Kodayar Project" may I know whether there was not a provision for the repair of breaches that took place in Medom last in the Budget?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: There was a provision out of which about Rs. 9,000 lapsed at the end of the year.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli, and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer hopes to give good drinking water to the people of Alleppey during the current year?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: I expect to do so this year. It was hitherto delayed on account of the non-arrival of chlorination plants. But I have this day received news of their arrival in Bombay and I am therefore glad to be able to assure the honourable member to complete the work and distribute water to the people this year itself.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): In regard to item 1, may I know whether any repairs to tanks have been completed or still remain incomplete?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Some have been completed and thework in connection with some others is in progress.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: May I know, how many are complete and how many are incomplete?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Detailed information is not available now.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: My I know whether the majority of works have been completed?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: The majority of the works have been completed.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Sir, I rise to propose a cut of.....

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, on a point of order. Is this House entitled to cut a supplementary demand?

President: Technically a cut on the whole demand is not permissible under the rules.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Sir, the object of my cut motion is this. In going over the Audit and Appropriation Report I find that a sum of 20 to 25 thousand Rupees was sanctioned for Water Works for the Kuttanad area. I ask how the money was utilised. It is stated that about Rs. 5,000 was spent in that area for Water Works. I had occasion to pass through the area. On enquiry I

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find that no man was able to enlighten me as to the place where this amount was spent. Therefore I submit that this amount of Rs. 20,000 budgetted in 1113 for the Kuttanad area may be utilised for this purpose.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, I might explain the position to Mr. Kuruvilla. The idea is to provide deep bore wells in many parts of the Kuttanad area. We want for this some boring plant and we have been corresponding with this object in view from the year 1113. We have got quotations for the boring machinery from responsible firms. The boring plant now received will be immediately utilised in Alleppey in order to make some reserve wells so that the water supply started there once does not get interrupted. After it is started there, we will transfer the boring plant for the use of the Kuttanad area and we will begin a regular programme of work to provide that area with water. This will be done in consultation with the local members as far as possible.

Mr. N. Krishna Aiyar (*Vaikom, Kottayam, and Changanacherry cum Peermade*): As regards item 3, may I know from the honourable member whether the formation of this Advisory Committee was not in contemplation even when the Budget for 1113 was prepared ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: It was announced only during the last session.

President: Towards the end of it.

The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 4,13,767 under Demand No. XI—Public Works Department including Water Works and Drainage.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XV—INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CLAY REFINING AND PORCELAIN FACTORY.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 20,000 under Demand No. XV—Industries including Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory, for completing P. W. D. works under progress in the Ceramic Factory at Kundara.

In moving this, I must state that in the Budget of the Ceramic Factory for 1115 funds were provided for the completion of the several items of expenditure entrusted to the P. W. D. As details regarding these items of expenditure could not be definitely known at the time of the Budget and as it is now found that the completion of the staff quarters and levelling and certain other works for

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